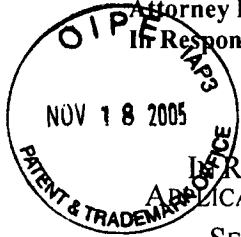


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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed **August 19, 2005**, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page **2** of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **9** of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required
beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.
However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this
application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),
and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized
to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No.042846-0312827).